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A Message From the Your President!

First of all I would like to apologize to all of the coin clubs for not attending their meetings and shows due to health problems. I'm now on the mend but am still fighting infection that developed soon after surgery. During my extended stay in the hospitals I received many cards and letters from several clubs and individuals that were very much appreciated.

I was able to participate in the Keokuk Coin Club show in April and was really surprised by the renewed interest in coin and currency collecting. This seems to be happening in spite of the spasmodic gold and silver market. Lets hope this continues so clubs and dealers can enjoy successful shows.

I'm looking forward to the Fort Dodge INA show and board of directors meeting Saturday evening. Most of all I look forward to visiting with the many individuals that I have had the good fortune to meet in the last 30 years.

This is election year so nominations are in order for the various posts of the INA board of directors. Tom Robertson of Iowa city will be handling all aspects of the election and no doubt will be asking for nominations in this bulletin. Everyone can and should submit nominations for the various members of the INA board.

SEE YOU IN FORT DODGE

*By: Ward Kain
President*

SHOW CALENDAR

Aug 9 -13

American Numismatic Association 109th Anniversary Convention,
Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1201 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA,
BOURSE: ANA Convention Dept, (719) 632-2646

Aug 19-20

Annual Iowa Great Lakes Coin, Card & Paper Money Show, Spirit
Lake Community Building, Hwy 9, Spirit Lake, IA,
BOURSE: Don McCulloch, (712) 336-4618.

Oct 21-22

Iowa Numismatic Association Annual Convention & Show, Best Western
Starlite Village, Junction Hwy 169 & 7, North, Fort Dodge, IA,
BOURSE: Sam & Bev Ashton (515) 573-3033

Nov. 11 - 12

Des Moines Coin Club Annual- Coin Show & Auction, Holiday Inn
Downtown, 1050 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50314,
Bourse: Chris Seuntjens, (515) 251-4031 or (800) 701-3123

Dec 10

Old Capitol Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Ramada Inn, Intersection
of Highways I-80 & 965 (Exit 240 on I-80), 1895 27th
Avenue, Coralville/ Iowa City, IA
BOURSE: T. D. Robertson (310) 351-2512

Reminder: If your Coin Club is preparing to schedule a coin show,
please contact the I.N.A. Show Coordinator prior to scheduling the
event. This will avoid scheduling conflicts and provides the information
for inclusion in this Show Calendar. The current Show
Coordinator is Roger Wolver, 309 North 11th Street, Oskaloosa, IA
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Nevada Coin-a-Rama was as good as ever. Thanks go to Scott Nichols and all his wonderful helpers from the Ames Coin Club.

This is election year and we'll be getting down to business on that soon. I'm not sure I know exactly what to expect with that, but I'm sure I'll learn soon enough.

I still need to get membership notices out to a few people who haven't paid their dues yet. I'm really not sure where the time has gone to, but I do know I'm always busy.

Beverly Ashton
INA Secretary / Treasurer

Publication Date For the

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February 1

June 1

September 1

When and Where Iowa's Coin Clubs Meet:

Ames - Last Wednesday, Senior Citizens Center, 7:30 p.m.

Burlington - Last Tuesday, Midwest Federal Savings, Roosevelt & Division Streets, 7:00 p.m.

Cedar Rapids - Third Wednesday (except July), KUBA Community Center, 1300 13th Ave SE, 7:30 p.m.

Clarion - Fourth Wednesday, I.P.S. Pizza Ranch on Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Decorah - First Tuesday, V.F.W. Building basement, 104 State St., 7:30 p.m.

Dubuque - First Thursday, The American Trust Bank, 280 Kennedy Road, 7:00 p.m.

Des Moines - First Tuesday, Baker's Cafeteria, Sherwood Forest, 74th & Hickman Rd., 6:30 p.m.

Fairfield - Third Tuesday, at the 1st National Bank, 7:30 p.m.

Fort Dodge - Second Thursday, ICCV Voc. Tech Bldg. 7:30 p.m.

Fort Madison - Third Tuesday, Midwest Savings & Loan Drive-in, 4520 Ave L, 7:30 p.m.

Grinnell - Second Monday, Senior Citizens Room, Community Center, 7:30 p.m. (515) 236-3549.

ILLowa (Clinton) - Third Thursday, Gateway State Bank, Clinton, 7:30 p.m.

Independence - Third Saturday, Courthouse Basement, 7:30 p.m.

Iris City (Mt. Pleasant) - First Thursday, Breadoux Pizza, 7:30 p.m.

Keokuk - Fourth Thursday (Third Thursday in Nov. & Dec.), Keokuk Sr. High School Library (Summers at SCC's S. Campus Student Lounge), 7:30 p.m.

Old Capital (Iowa City) - Second Tuesday, West High School, Room 16, 7:30 p.m.

Oskaloosa - Second Tuesday, Basement of Farm Bureau Building, 7:30 p.m. (515) 949-6430

Ottumwa - Fourth Tuesday, Colormaster, Inc., 800 Gateway Dr., 7:30 p.m. (515) 684-6006

Port City (Muscatine) - Fourth Tuesday, Holiday Inn, Muscatine, Hwys. 61 & 38, 7:30 p.m.

Quad City (Moline, IL) - Third Thursday, Garden Center, 5th Ave at 34th St., 7:30 p.m.

Red Oak - 2nd Thursday, Regency Retirement Center, 6:30 p.m.

Siouxland (Sioux City) - First Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., J&J Coins Collectibles, 901 S. Cecilia.,

Storm Lake - Third Thursday, IPS Meeting Room, Winters at 7:30 p.m.; Summers at 8:00 p.m.

Wadena - Third Thursday, Historical Center, West Union, IA 7:30 p.m.

Waterloo/Cedar Falls - Second Tuesday, Waterloo Arts & Recreation Center, First and Commercial Streets, 7:00 p.m.

The Iowa Collector

Yes you can e-mail articles and photos for The Iowa Collector. This publication is for **you**. So if you have ideas that you want to share with all the INA members please send them.

Remember you don't have to write a book. If you have one or two lines or photos that you want to share

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Annual Meeting Minutes

February 27, 1999

Navada, Iowa

President Ward Kain called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was given and approved. We had a balance of \$2,013.80.

Ward called for a moment of silence for the following deceased member Dave Dorfman of the Fairfield Coin Club.

It was noted that the Muscatine & the Burlington Coin Clubs are having problems.

There was a discussion on whether or not to have a hospitality room at the State Show. A motion was made by Jack Glass to suspend with the hospitality room, the motion was seconded and passed.

The show for 2001 will be in Cedar Rapids on the second weekend of October (Oct. 13 -14, 2001).

The INA is accepting items as donations for the auctions.

Nevada's Coin-A-Rama will be the next board meeting, Feb. 26 & 27, 2000.

Brian Fenton presented a discussion on the state sales tax on coins and currency and how we can work to get that repealed.

The need for a design for the Iowa State 25¢ was discussed.

Ward Kain adjourned the meeting.

Board Members Present: Dale Dye, Jack Glass, John Jackson, Marvin Rothmeyer, Scott Nichols, Gail McKee, Tom Robertson, Brian Fanton, Ward Kain, Sam Ashton, Beverly Ashton.

Financial Statement

November 13, 1999 - February 26, 2000

Receipts

Starting Balance \$ 2,013.80

Dues	182.00	
Afghan Raffle	80.00	
Medals Sold	24.00	
Donation	10.00	
State Show	981.32	
Ads	315.00	
Savings Interest	9.71	
<u>Total</u>		1,602.03

Expenditures

Trailer License	10.00	
CSNS Dues	8.00	
Membership Cards	24.27	
Membership Flyers	111.83	
Engraving - Life Member	5.17	
<u>Total</u>		<u>159.27</u>

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Marcella L. Sheldon

1911 - 1999

Marcella Sheldon passed away in her apartment December 15, 1999 from natural causes and was buried next to her husband in Royal Palm Cemetery, West Palm Beach, Florida. Two sisters, one brother and many nieces and nephews survive her.

Born October 14, 1911, Marcella Beck grew up on a farm near Hudson, Iowa. She became a professional secretary for V. Leon Belt, a prominent attorney in Waterloo, Iowa. In about 1930 -31, Mr. Belt accepted a large collection of U.S. Large Cents in payment of a debt. The collection sat inside the office safe for a period of time until one day Marcella took on the responsibility to organize and identify each coin which would begin her interest in coin.

In those years state and regional coin clubs were forming and it was common for organizing members to bring along their secretary to take minutes, type correspondence and run errands. So it was in 1938 that V. Leon Belt brought Marcella to the founding meeting of the Iowa Numismatic Association where she met her future husband, M. Vernon Sheldon. He was then the current American Numismatic Association (ANA) General Secretary and along with J. Henri Ripstra, then current ANA President, and Lee Hewitt, the founder and editor of *The Numismatic Scrapbook*, led a contingent from the Chicago Coin Club that traveled to Iowa to support the new organization.

V. Leon Belt was active in numismatics, went on to serve on the ANA Board of Governors and in 1945 became ANA President. During those years, Marcella would travel with him, serving as his secretary and administrative assistant. Marcella and M. Vernon would see each other at these different coin conventions and a courtship began. Sheldon had obviously heard about her cataloging of the Large Cents and one day gave her a group of ancient Roman coins to identify. Convinced she was being tested, Marcella applied all her tenacity and single-mindedness to the project. Except for two coins, she correctly identified the group before their next meeting.

They were married August 23, 1946 and Marcella moved to Chicago. They resided on Wrightwood Avenue near Clark Street for more than twenty years. Marcella joined the Chicago Coin Club in October 1946 and became member 459. The support and work she did for Leon Belt served her well with M. Vernon Sheldon. He was even more active in numismatic circles, served on numerous committees and in 1949 was elected ANA President.

Through interviews and conversations years later, Marcella related that many days followed a pattern. Sheldon would come home from work. She had the mail already opened and organized in order of importance. After dinner, he would dictate letters of reply that she would copy in shorthand. She would then type the letters on a manual typewriter. Some evenings she would be up all night and used a lot of carbon paper because some letters needed 22 copies. By the time Sheldon arose the next morning, every letter was neatly laid out on the table waiting for him.

signature. After he went to work, she would stuff the envelopes, take them to the Post Office, pick up the next day's mail and begin the process all over again!

Marcella also found time to create a card index to *The Numismatist* for Sheldon's personal use. When he served on the original committee responsible for the fifty-year index to *The Numismatist* it was successful, due in large part to this personal index to the first forty years that she had put together.

A year before their marriage M. Vernon formed his own business, Gagefix Manufacturing Co., located on North Lincoln Avenue. They performed high-precision tool-and-die work and produced vital equipment for the armed services. Marcella would also help out in the office when the company was short-handed or if Sheldon needed confidential work performed.

Over the years, M. Sheldon received many well-deserved awards and acclamations. But it was common knowledge that M. Vernon and Marcella were a team. In 1952 she was presented with ANA's Merit, an award reserved for those who have shown outstanding devotion to numismatics, the organization and its goals.

In 1969, the Sheldon's moved to West Palm Beach, Florida. M. Vernon passed away in April 1982, but Marcella stayed active in the hobby, remained in touch with numismatic friends and even made new ones. She continually made sizeable contributions to the ANA in the form of cash and material. Through a series of donations, she put up nearly \$25,000.00 to update the library and its index. The ANA museum has pieces of cut crystal with coin images that came from her collection. With funds provided by Marcella, the ANA created the M. Vernon Sheldon Audio Visual Award which recognizes the work he did in forming the visual education and slide program. And at the time of her death, she bequeathed an additional \$50,000.00 to the ANA. The interest from the principal has been earmarked to pay for the M. Vernon and Marcella Sheldon Adult Education Scholarship.

Even with all her bequests and donations, Marcella never sought the limelight. More than one time, she reached the chairperson before a meeting started and gave strict instructions that she was not to be singled out for recognition. She insisted that they treat her like everyone else. This was not because she was shy. Far from it. Marcella was fiercely independent and held some strong opinions. She made contributions to projects she genuinely believed should take place and she felt all the credit should go to the people who did the work to make it happen.

When M. Vernon Sheldon passed away, it was written that he left a legacy of dedication and generous sharing of his time and talents, which will forever remain a standard for the membership to follow. No one exemplified this more than Marcella and even though she was generous with her bequests, the numismatic community is poorer with her passing.

*Submitted By; Carl Wolf
February 14,2000*

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July 22 Tazewell Numismatic Society Summer Show, Pekin, IL

July 23 Central Illinois Numismatic Summer Show, Springfield, IL.

Sep. 23 Tazewell Numismatic Society 40th Annual Show, Pekin, IL

OCT. 8 Fairfield Coin Club 30th Show, Fairfield, IL

OCT. 23 Elgin Coin Club Annual Show, Elgin, IL

OCT. 29 Indian Hill Coin Club Show, Gurnee, IL

If you know of other Shows in the area just send them in for the next Iowa Collector.

Dear I.N.A. Member,

The 2000 year is here. We encourage you to support the INA with your ad in the Collector. The rates are:

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Any person interested in numismatics, over eighteen years of age and of good moral character may become a member upon recommendation of the membership committee. Dues to be \$5.00 per year.

Object

The object of this corporation shall be to:

Encourage and promote the science of numismatics.

Cultivate fraternal relationships among coin collectors and students.

Foster the interest of youth in the subject.

Encourage and assist new collectors.

Stimulate and advance affiliations between our associations and kindred organizations in the United States and foreign countries.

Acquire and disseminate numismatic knowledge.

Generally represent numismatic interests throughout the State of Iowa.

Junior Members

Any person between the ages of 0 and 18 years old and sponsored by a senior member be considered for junior membership. Junior members may not hold office, but may vote for elective officers. Dues to be \$2.00 per year.

Officers

Officers are elected every two years by membership vote, by mail ballot and take office at the annual convention following the election. Officers consist of sixteen members, including the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary/ Treasurer, the immediate Past-President, and eleven Directors.

The annual membership meeting is held each year at the Iowa Numismatic Associations annual convention in the Fall.

The Iowa Collector, the official bulletin, is published three times each year and sent to each member. The I.N.A., upon request, will help the heirs of any member of good standing find a qualified person or persons, in his or her area, to appraise an estate.

For further information about the I.N.A. contact any member, director or officer. A application has been enclosed with this issue of The Iowa Collector. To join fill it in and send it along with your check to:

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

I hereby make application for membership in the **IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**, subject to the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Send this application together with \$5.00 for the current year's dues. Young applicants' dues are \$2.00 per year until age eighteen.

NOTE: The I.N.A. year runs from January 1st to January 1st.

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OFFICIAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the by-laws of the Iowa Numismatic Association, I hereby make the official call for nominations for the officers of the I. N. A. for the years of 2000-2001. Any member in good standing may nominate a candidate for the Offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-president, Secretary-Treasurer, and Directors. You may nominate people from your own District to serve as District Directors but no more than two Directors from any one district. In addition, candidates for Director-at-large may be nominated. Nominations must be mailed to the Second Vice-President, Scott Nichols - Ames, Iowa no later than July 30, 2000. Ballots will then be mailed to each 2000 member of the I.N.A., so their vote may be mailed in to the Secretary.

Remember, under this format, each member has a voice in the elections, and need not be present at the I. N. A. Convention to be heard. In accordance with the by-laws, the chairs (President and Vice President) must be filled by persons who have served as Directors or Officers of the I. N. A. It is your privilege to exercise your rights as a member, to nominate and to vote.

Be sure to exercise that right!

Ward Kain
President I.N.A.

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